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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ITT REP

REF: A) STATE 189800 B) KINSHASA 7395

1. DEPTOFF RECEIVED A PHONE CALL AUGUST 14 FROM ITT REP ANTHONY BASILE. BASILE STATED HE COULD NO LONGER WAIT IN BRUSSELS FOR ZAIRIAN VISA AND RETURNED TO U.S. BASILE SAID HE WAS READY TO GO TO ZAIRE AT ANY TIME JUST AS SOON AS HE COULD OBTAIN A VISA. DEPTOFF SUGGESTED THAT BASILE APPLY FOR A VISA THROUGH THE NEW YORK CONSULATE OF ZAIRE AS HIS CHAIN OF VISA APPLICATIONS IN ALGIERS AND BRUSSELS WILL PROBABLY NOT CATCH UP WITH HIM.

2. BASILE STATED HIS APPRECIATION OF EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT EFFORTS THUS FAR AND APPEARS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO VISIT KINSHASA. DURING THE PHONECON HE MENTIONED THREE AREAS OF INTEREST: THE NEGOTIATION OF AN OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH ONPTX FOR THE EARTH STATION; SALE OF SPADE EQUIPMENT TO EARTH STATION WHICH WILL INCREASE THE STATION'S CAPABILITY AND; INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING THE CONTRACT ON THE DOMESTIC SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. DURING THE VISIT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESIDENT GISCARD, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE FRENCH WOULD

BE PROVIDING THIS LAST ITEM. ITT IS INTERESTED IN
COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE DOMESTIC SYSTEMS CONTRACT.
DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON CURRENT STATUS
THIS PROJECT? BASILE WILL BE COORDINATING HIS FURTHER
EFFORTS THROUGH COMMERCE. ITT IS ALSO INTERESTED IN
KNOWING OFFICIAL GOZ REACTION TO THE QUALITY OF WORK
PERFORMED BY THEIR TECH REP OM SHOURIE. SISCO

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